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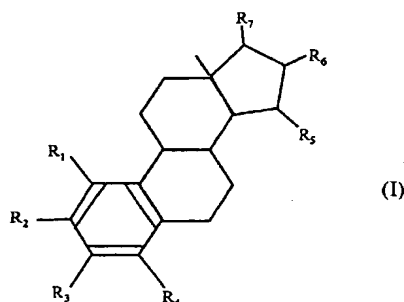
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(57) **Abstract:** One aspect of the invention concerns a cosmetic method of treating human skin by delivering an estrogenic component to said skin, the method comprising applying to the skin a composition containing: (i) at least 5 Ag/g of an estrogenic component selected from the group consisting of substances represented by the following formula (I) in which formula R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 independently are a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group or an alkoxy group with 1-5 carbon atoms; each of R_5 , R_6 , R_7 is a hydroxyl group; no more than 3 of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 are hydrogen atoms; precursors capable of liberating a substance according to the aforementioned formula when used in the present method; and mixtures of one or more of the aforementioned substances and/or precursors; and (ii) a cosmetically acceptable vehicle. Other aspects of the invention relate to therapeutic methods of treating or preventing vaginal dryness or acne and a therapeutic method of promoting wound healing. Yet another aspect of the invention relates to a skin care composition comprising the aforementioned estrogenic component and a cosmetically acceptable vehicle.

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